



TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

September 2005

Holiday Schedule

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, September 5, for Labor Day. Trash will be picked up as usual that day for residents on the Monday collection route.

Halloween Parade

The 59th annual Vienna Halloween Parade will step off at 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 26, on Maple Avenue.

Entry application forms and information can be downloaded from the Town's Web site, www.ci.vienna.va.us, or call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department, 703-255-6360.

The entry deadline is Monday, October 3. Space is limited to the first 100 approved applicants; therefore, the parade may fill before the deadline date. Completed applications do not guarantee a place in the parade.

This year's parade theme is "Best Town in America ... Fourth in the U.S.A., #1 in Our Hearts." Grand Marshals will be D.H. Scarborough and Julian Johnson, long-time community volunteers and business owners. Categories include Youth Band, Adult Band, Float with Music, Float without Music, Youth Performers, Adult Performers and Antique Vehicles. All participants are encouraged to focus on why our community is the best!

Parade entertainment sponsorships are available. For information, call the Vienna-Tyson Regional Chamber of Commerce at 703-281-1333.

Special Pickup Deadline

Monday, October 3, is the last day for Town of Vienna residents to call for a Special Pickup this year. Because of fall leaf collection, no orders for Special Pickups are taken in October, November and December.

To dispose of unwanted furniture, building materials, brush and other debris not included in the regular trash collection, residents can order a Special Pickup. Place discards at the curbside, then call the Special Pickup recording *promptly* at 703-255-5727 and be prepared to leave the following information: your name, address, day-time phone number, amount of debris, and type of debris.

Each residence is allowed two free Special Pickups per year, with a limit of one dump truck load per pickup (about the size of a Volkswagon "beetle"). Additional pickups cost \$75 dollars per load for all items except brush. The fee for additional loads of brush is \$25 each.

Special Pickup Guidelines

Call 703-255-5727 to arrange for a Special Pickup.

The amount and type of debris allowed are limited to the following:

1. Discarded furniture, swing sets and playground equipment.
2. Sod and brush.
3. 300 pounds of scrap metal per residence, small automobile parts such as engine blocks, transmissions and tires. All tires must be removed from the rim.
4. Trees and limbs of a diameter greater than 1½ inches and less than 6 inches, and no more than 8 feet in length.
5. Building materials (not generated by contractor), which shall include the following items: wood, broken concrete, bricks or block, fences, drywall, and paneling. Each residence shall be limited to 300 pounds (approximately two wheelbarrow loads) of masonry items such as concrete, brick, block, stone, rock, etc. per pickup.
6. Please refrain from placing piles of brush under power lines or trees, or close to shrubs, walls or vehicles. Place all piles in an open area accessible to a crane truck.
7. All sharp items such as box cutters, razors, saw blades and large panes of glass should be wrapped in several layers of newspaper.
8. In the interest of safety, parents should caution their children not to play in or around debris placed at the curb for a Special Pickup.

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NEW IN TOWN? Vienna's Public Information Office has a welcome packet especially for new residents. Stop by Town Hall and pick one up or call 703-255-6330 to have one mailed to you.

Special Pickup Guidelines

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Special Pickups are for the sole use of the property where the trash has been generated and cannot be transferred to another property in the town. All items shall be placed at the curb or edge of pavement in front of your property.

The following items will **not** be picked up:

1. Gas tanks
2. Fuel oil tanks
3. Pressurized tanks such as propane, air or freon
4. Mounted tires (Town crews will pick up the tire and the rim as long as they are separated.)
5. Tree stumps and tree parts over 6 inches in diameter. Large tree stumps or tree parts over 6 inches can be disposed of at the Fairfax County Transfer Station located on West Ox Road or at the Fairfax County Landfill located in Lorton.
6. Paint cans. Hazardous materials such as fuel tanks, paints, solvents, insecticides, fluorescent light tubes, etc. can be disposed of through the Fairfax County Hazardous Waste Disposal Program. The drop-off center for hazardous waste is the I-66 Citizens' Recycling and Disposal Facility, 4618 West Ox Road (just beyond the Fire & Rescue training academy). Call 703-324-5068 for further information.
7. Biohazardous waste including needles and syringes
8. Contractor generated material
9. Brush and trash that are mixed
10. Chain link fencing
11. **Until further notice, the collection of white goods has been discontinued.** White goods shall include stoves, dishwashers, refrigerators, window air conditioners, whole house air conditioners, microwave ovens, hot water heaters, garbage disposals, washing machines, dryers, cook-tops, dehumidifiers and furnaces.

QUESTIONS? CALL THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, 703-255-6382

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FAX 703-255-5722 e-mail pio@ci.vienna.va.us

Deadline for September issue is Monday, August 15.

Call Promptly for Your Special Pickup

Residents are reminded to call the Special Pickup number, 703-255-5727, as soon as debris is placed at the curbside. Piles of trash that go uncollected for weeks on end because of residents' failure to call for a Special Pickup are an eyesore and a potential health and safety hazard.

It is illegal to place debris in the public right-of-way without arranging for a Special Pickup. When an illegal pile of trash is spotted by or reported to Town personnel, the resident will receive a notice to call for a Special Pickup within 48 hours. If no action is taken by the resident after the notice is issued, the Town will seek legal remedy to gain compliance with the Town Code.

No White Goods

Residents are reminded that the Department of Public Works no longer collects white goods as part of the Special Pickup program. White goods include stoves, dishwashers, refrigerators, window air conditioners, whole house air conditioners, microwaves, hot water heaters, garbage disposals, washing machines, dryers, cooktops, dehumidifiers and furnaces.

Most appliance dealers will remove an old unit when another is delivered. Also, residents may take white goods to the Fairfax County I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Rd., or the I-95 Landfill Complex, 9850 Furnace Rd. There is a \$1 disposal fee for each appliance. The hours of operation are 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

CHO Needs Donations

Instead of using a Special Pickup to dispose of furniture and other household items in good working condition, consider donating them to CHO (Committee for Helping Others). To arrange for a pickup of your donation, call 703-281-7614.

Since 1969, CHO has been helping needy families and individuals in the Vienna area obtain food, shelter, clothing, fuel, transportation, furniture, and other necessities. Donations, financial contributions and volunteer help are always welcome.

Comment from the Council Table

What Makes a Livable Community?

By Laurie Genevra Cole
Vienna Town Councilwoman

I got lucky with the timing of this month's newsletter. Even though I've been harboring the idea for this column for several months, current events make it timely. Nationally, *Money* magazine recognized Vienna's qualities and named us the fourth best place to live in the country. (We can't be tired of hearing about that yet – there's a lot more to come!) We have the pending rezoning hearing for the Fairlee/Metro-West proposal and the push to re-plan Tysons Corner on the front burners of County issues. And in Town, we have a continuing discussion of how we deal with the changing look of our residential and commercial areas. To me, these all fit together under the question, "What makes a livable community?"

The original prompt for my thoughts was a television ad for Wal-Mart. Here's the scenario: A young mother loads her toddler in the car and drives to the Wal-Mart Superstore. She praises the convenience of having a Superstore, where she can drop off her car to be serviced, get her prescriptions filled, pick up her photos and do her grocery shopping – all without needing her car! What a great thing a Wal-Mart Superstore is (according to the ad)!

Here's me talking back to my television: "So what? You can do all that here in Town! And lots more!" Having had personal experience of doing errands with toddlers, I was able to plot out exactly how I could have accomplished all those tasks here in Vienna. Throw in a trip to the post office, lunch at a family-friendly place and a walk past the fire station to look at the trucks, and we have it all.

What we have – what a store, no matter how large, can't provide – is a community. A community isn't just houses and stores within a certain distance of each other. A community has a sense of place, opportunities for people to interact and build relationships, and a shared investment by its members in making it work for everyone.

Building "communities" is a hot topic in land development. Planned communities have been around for a long time, places like Reston where a large swath of

land is developed from scratch as a whole. As large swaths of land become more rare in our area, developers are looking to create "communities" on a smaller scale (like MetroWest) or to transform existing developed areas into something more "livable" (like Tysons Corner). The idea is that by putting together a certain mix of ingredients you can create a community.

But I would say there is no single formula for making a successful community. You can assemble all the parts and get a superstore, maybe, but a real community comes from the human element. And a real community grows and changes over time, like the people within it. Our tastes change, so the look of our houses and other buildings change. Our need for schools and parks reflect the cycle of families starting, growing and moving on, to be replaced with new young families.

As much as I value it, I know that our Vienna community is not perfect. So I am glad, in a way, that *Money* magazine didn't name us as number one. Being number four lets us acknowledge room for improvement. We need to grapple with our issues of growth and change. We should always be looking for ways to better serve to our citizens. We must plan for our future, as a Town and as part of Fair-



Councilwoman Cole

fax County, to address the pressures of regional growth and change. We've got a good thing going here, and we will work to keep it going.

One final thought: For over 100 years, the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department has been an integral part of the Vienna community. The fire station on Center Street, in the heart of our Town, is being remodeled and upgraded to meet modern standards. A Capital Campaign is underway to raise funds for this work. Look for more information to come directly from the department, and please consider giving generously to this worthy effort.

Back-to-School Pedestrian Safety

- ★ Stop at the curb before crossing the street.
- ★ Walk, don't run, across the street.
- ★ Cross at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- ★ Look left, right, and left again before crossing.
- ★ Walk facing traffic.
- ★ Make sure drivers see you before crossing in front of them.
- ★ Do not play in driveways, streets, parking lots or unfenced yards near the street.
- ★ Wear white clothing or reflectors when walking at night.
- ★ Cross at least 10 feet in front of a school bus.

The law requires drivers to stop for school buses taking on or discharging passengers and to remain stopped until the passengers are out of the street and the bus is again underway. This applies to drivers approaching from any direction. Children should be cautioned to look in all directions and make sure all vehicles are stopped before crossing the street to and from the bus.

NEWS FROM VIENNA PARKS & REC

*For more information about any of the activities listed below, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360.
All activities are held at the Vienna Community Center unless stated otherwise.*

BUS TRIPS

Spend the day at the U.S. Open tennis tournament at Arthur Ashe Stadium in Flushing, NY, on Saturday, September 10. Leave the Community Center at 5 a.m. and return around midnight. The cost of \$137 for town residents includes transportation and an all-day upper promenade ticket to see both men's semifinal matches.

Spies and Lies of Washington, a guided bus tour and visit to the International Spy Museum in Washington, DC, is scheduled for Friday, September 16. Leave the Community Center at 9 a.m. and return at 4:30 p.m. Gary Powers, Jr., is the special tour guide. The cost of \$58 for town residents includes transportation and museum entry fee. Lunch is on your own at Union Station.

See the Baltimore Orioles play the Boston Red Sox at Camden Yards on Saturday, September 24. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at noon, giving participants time to visit Baltimore's Inner Harbor before the 4:35 p.m. game time. The cost of \$50 for town residents includes transportation and game ticket in the lower reserve outfield seating.

Atlantic City Overnighter October 13 and 14. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 10 a.m. Thursday and return around 7:30 p.m. Friday. The cost for town residents of \$165 per person single occupancy, \$123 double occupancy and \$116 triple occupancy includes transportation, casino package, buffet dinner and breakfast at the Tropicana Casino, and overnight accommodations at the Holiday Inn on the boardwalk. Registration deadline September 23.

Enjoy a scenic railroad tour aboard the Potomac Eagle on Friday, October 7. Leave the Community Center at 7:30 a.m. for Romney, WV, and return at 6 p.m. The cost of \$75 for town residents includes transportation, three-hour train excursion, lunch and gourmet cooking demonstration.

FITNESS & SPORTS

Adult co-ed fall kickball league begins September 11. Doubleheader games will be played at 9 a.m. Sundays at Southside Park. The fee of \$200 per team includes umpires, equipment and awards. The league is limited to 12 teams, which will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Adult fall co-ed softball league begins September 13. Games will be played on weeknights at Southside Park. The registration fee of \$350 per team includes 10 regular season double-header games, a post-season tournament, umpire fees, softballs and awards.

Adult fall tennis league begins September 17, with men's singles games on Saturdays and women's singles games on Sundays at Glyndon and Meadow Lane Parks. Each participant will play a minimum of seven matches during the season. The fee is \$10 for town residents. Registration deadline September 9.

Active for Life®, designed to help healthy but less active adults age 50 and older increase physical activity, will be held on Thursdays, September 22-February 9, from 1 to 2 p.m. This program is free of charge and offers an alternative to exercise classes and gyms for those who have tried these options without success and need motivation, direction and accountability. Active for Life emphasizes incorporating 5-, 10- and 15-minute "short doses" of moderately intensive physical activity throughout an individual's daily routine. The Active for Life program is part of a national study of physical activity behavior and attitudes, and certain qualifications apply. Prescreening by phone is required; call the Active for Life Center at 703-807-5855.

Learn how to get fit with Kris Carpenter and Kim Murphy, local residents and authors of *The Best Friends' Guide to Getting Fit*. The hour-long discussion and Q&A will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

September 27 and again from noon to 1 p.m. October 4. Learn how to use friendship as a foundation for success, establish and stick with an exercise routine, and overcome the daily struggles to get fit. The cost of \$25 for town residents includes a copy of the book.

AT THE TEEN CENTER

Open house for parents will be held at Club Phoenix on Wednesday, September 14, from 5 to 6 p.m. View the facility, learn about programs, meet the staff, complete the required registration form, discuss issues and concerns, or sign up to be an adult volunteer.

Application forms for "Neighborhood College," a leadership program for students in grades 9-12, will be available beginning September 6. Neighborhood College will be held each Tuesday, October 18-November 15, from 5:15 to 7:30 p.m. Our future community leaders will learn how to run effective meetings, make decisions within a group and work in a multicultural environment. There is no charge for the program and a light meal will be served at each session. For more information, call Isabel Taramasco at 703-787-4962 or e-mail Isabel.taramasco@fairfaxcounty.gov. Neighborhood College is sponsored by the Fairfax County Department of Systems Management for Human Services in partnership with the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department and the Vienna-Madison Community Coalition.

After-school program for students in grades 6-8 begins September 12, Monday through Thursday from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., and includes homework time, arts and crafts, life skills, field trips and more. This free program provides a positive alternative to gang involvement and other undesirable behaviors, and it is included in the National League of Cities' Examples of Programs for Cities database.

"Under the Sea" dance for middle school students will be held on Friday,

September 23, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Enjoy music, food and fun. Admission \$2.

Concert night for high school students featuring live bands is scheduled for Saturday, September 24, from 7 to 11 p.m. Admission \$5. Students interested in booking a concert at Club Phoenix should call Brandy Mullen at 703-255-5721.

Babysitting fundamentals, for boys and girls age 12 and older, will be offered on Saturday, September 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Learn how to care for infants and young children, including bathing, games/activities, basic first aid, diapering and safety practices. The fee of \$30 per person includes a manual and certificate upon completion. Bring a bag lunch and a doll.

JUST FOR KIDS

Environmental education programs for children age 4 and 5 will help turn preschoolers' curiosity about nature into knowledge of the environment through short outdoor explorations, music, games and art. This month's classes are "Sensational Nature" each Thursday, September 15-October 20 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and "Backyards Are for Birds" on Wednesday and Friday, September 16-October 7 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The cost for each session is \$90 for town residents.

MATURE ADULTS

Writing Your Personal History is an informal, group-run class for people interested in documenting their life stories for themselves and future generations. Class will be held each Thursday, September 8-March 30, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Class members select topics about which to write, and read their work to each other for supportive feedback. The class is free of charge; a donation of \$5 will be used to provide coffee and tea at each class.

Introductory course in personal history writing, led by professional writer and editor Robert Middlemiss, will be offered each Thursday, September 15-March 30, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. No previous writing experience required. Topics include gathering material, interviewing, basic writing and editing tips, and techniques for creative self-expression. The fee for town residents is \$25 plus a materials fee for

Vienna Police Department's



COPS & KIDS RUN

for Ages 6-14

**10 a.m. Saturday, October 1
Police Headquarters, 215 Center St., S.**

**This annual event promotes good relations
between the police and area children**

**Refreshments provided
Free T-shirts for all kids who participate
Children age 6-8 must be accompanied
by an adult running in the event**

**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Registration forms available
at the Vienna Community Center**

coffee and tea at each class and a bound copy of your writings at the end of the session.

AARP driver safety program, for motorists age 50 and older, will be held September 19 and 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The course covers the effects of aging and medications on driving, basic driving rules, license renewal, local traffic hazards, adverse road conditions and accident prevention measures. Graduates of the course could receive a discount on their car insurance. The fee is \$10 per person and both classes must be attended. Advance registration required.

MANAGING YOUR MONEY & YOUR ESTATE

Introduction to Estate Planning will be presented on Monday, September 12, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Attorney David Hoffman will discuss the many forms of wills and trusts, gift giving, federal and

state tax considerations, and making peace with probate. Free of charge; no advance registration required.

POTPOURRI

Tickets go on sale September 20 for the Vienna Theatre Company's production of the thriller "Death Trap." Performances are scheduled for October 14, 15, 21, 22, 28 and 29 at 8 p.m. and October 23 at 2 p.m. (signed performance). Tickets are \$9 general admission and \$8 for students and senior citizens (65 and older).

Antiques show and sale October 7-9. Hours are 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday. Dealers will show and sell a variety of furniture and collectibles. Admission is \$4.50 per person.

Discount tickets to Kings Dominion, Busch Gardens and Six Flags amusement parks are available at the Community Center.

Free Haircuts for “Locks of Love”

Vienna Police Officer Virginia Palmore, and town resident and Louise Archer Elementary School staff member Kathy Cutri recently had their hair cut at I-Catcher Hair Design, 139 Park St., S.E., to promote Vienna's Locks of Love program.

Locks of Love is a national organization created to help children with hair loss. Town residents are invited to let their hair grow until September 19, when I-Catcher will give free haircuts to those who wish to make a donation to the program, which provides hairpieces to children who suffer from an auto-immune condition called alopecia areata, for which there is no known cause or cure, and other conditions that result in hair loss.

Donated hair must be at least 10 inches long (preferably longer) and must be bundled in a ponytail or braid. It must also be free of damage caused by chemical processing. Monetary donations are also welcome and are tax deductible.

Appointments for September 19 may be made by calling I-Catcher at 703-281-7373. For more information about Locks of Love, call Charlene Forges at I-Catcher or Officer Palmore at the Vienna Police Department, 703-255-6396.

Police Will Take Action to Remove Animals from Hot Cars

During the month of July, officers of the Vienna Police Department received additional training concerning dogs left unattended in hot cars. During the “dog days” of summer, the temperature inside a parked car can climb to well above 100°F in just a matter of minutes. Beating the heat is extra difficult for dogs as they can only cool themselves by panting and sweating through their paw pads.

Dr. Eric P. Chafetz from the Vienna Animal Hospital provided training to assist officers in recognizing the symptoms of an animal in distress. Dr. Chafetz recommended officers encountering an animal locked inside a car pay particular attention for symptoms of restlessness, heavy panting, lethargy, and depression. Dogs displaying these symptoms, even on a moderately warm day, are considered to be in danger of heatstroke or death. Dr. Chafetz indicated officers should not hesitate to remove a dog from these conditions. In addition, the Police Department has purchased a number of temperature probes that can be inserted into vehicle interiors. These probes will provide the officer with another piece of information concerning the best course of action for the safety of the animal.

Vienna Animal Control Officer Ron Crawford suggests residents use extreme care when making the decision to transport pets in their cars, especially during the heat of summer. If you see a dog left alone in a car, note the car's location, color, make, model and license plate number. Provide this information to Vienna Animal Control or the Police Department by calling 703-255-6366.

Maple Ave. Banner Applications Available October 3

Application forms to display banners across Maple Avenue in 2006 will be available in the Public Works Department at Town Hall beginning Monday, October 3. Applications may be submitted by non-profit community organizations any time through November. Organizations displaying banners this year will automatically receive application forms in the mail.

Banner space will be awarded in December via a lottery. Each banner will be displayed for two weeks.

Beware Of Phony Phone Solicitations!

Recently, a number of town residents have reported receiving telephone calls from solicitors who imply that the funds collected will benefit area law enforcement and/or the Vienna Police Department. The police want to alert citizens that the Vienna Police Department does not receive funds from these solicitors.

The Vienna Police Association (VPA), a benevolent organization comprising members of the Vienna Police Department, is the only entity that donates to the department. VPA solicits donations only through the mail on VPA letterhead. They do not utilize telemarketing services, and no fund-raising is done via the telephone.

Citizens having questions regarding this issue should contact MPO Virginia Palmore, Vienna Community Services Officer, at 703-255-6396.

Welcome New Businesses

The following business licenses were issued in July:

Intec
consultant
511 Park St., S.E.
703-887-7684

Humble Bumbles
wholesale children's products
380 Maple Ave., W. #L1B
703-362-1237

**Convenient Location
& Friendly Service
SHOP IN VIENNA
Support Our Hometown Merchants**

Congratulations to the following businesses, both commercial and home occupations, celebrating milestone anniversaries in September: 10 years – A Capozio, C&D Home Improvement, J.D. Martinez, James Lee, Rose Schardt.

*Celebrate with the Town of Vienna...
4th Best Place to Live in America!*



Fall Family Funanza!



Saturday, October 8th

Noon to 4pm

Southside Park

All Activities Are FREE!

For more information call the

Vienna Parks & Recreation Department at 703-255-6360

In the event of inclement weather, please call our Special Events Hotline at 703-255-7842 for cancellation information after 10:00am the day of the event.

Children's Rides

- Moonbounce
 - Obstacle Course
 - Bungee Run
 - 28' Rockwall
- Food & Drinks
Petting Zoo

James Wand the

- Magician Shows at
12:30, 1:30 & 2:30
Air Brush Tattoos
Face Painting
Roving Clowns
Balloons

Police, Fire & Emergency Demonstrations

- Vanda the Accelerant Dog
- Washington Metropolitan Airport Authority Canine
- Vienna Police Equipment
- Vienna Volunteer Fire Department
- Fairfax Police Helicopter

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

Vienna Carnival, sponsored by the Vienna-Tyson Regional Chamber of Commerce, will be held at Nottoway Park September 8-11. Enjoy popcorn, funnel cakes, cotton candy, hot dogs and lots of carnival rides. Thursday is preview night from 5 to 10 p.m., when you can ride all night for \$20. Carnival hours Friday are 5-11 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-11 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m.-10 p.m. For more information, call the Chamber office at 703-281-1333 or visit www.vtrcc.org/carnival.

History Fair Saturday, September 24, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E. Free of charge. Activities will include period music, old-fashioned games and craft projects, living history program, tours of the Freeman House general store and museum and the original Vienna library, and a chance to make and sample hand-cranked ice cream. Sponsored by Historic Vienna, Inc., and Patrick Henry Library.

Vienna Choral Society, under the direction of Paul Patton, welcomes new singers for its 2005-06 season. No audition is required. Rehearsals are held at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Rd., S.W., each Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 703-255-5508 or visit www.viennachoralsociety.org.

Northern Virginia Model Railroaders open house at the Vienna Railroad Station, corner of Dominion Road and Ayr Hill Avenue, N.E., will be held on Saturday, September 17, from 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is free; donations accepted. See an operating HO scale model railroad. For information, call 703-938-5157 or visit www.nvmr.org. The Town's red caboose will also be open to the public that day, courtesy of the Optimist Club of Vienna.

Greater Vienna Baseball Golf Classic, sponsored by Vienna Little League and the Vienna Baseball Foundation, is scheduled for Friday, October 14, at Fairfax National Country Club beginning at 9 a.m. The cost of \$125 per person or \$450 per foursome (\$100 for seniors over 65 and all public servants or \$350 per foursome) includes 18 holes of golf, cart,

range balls, box lunch, after-golf buffet, beer/sodas and lots of prizes. All proceeds will go to support youth baseball in Vienna. Register online at www.viennabaseballfoundation.org. For more information e-mail Bill Cervenak, cerv1939@aol.com, or Taylor Roberts, tsavage@tariffnet.com.

Whimsical fashion show will be presented by the Totally Eccentric Adventurous Red Hatters of Vienna, VA, at 1 p.m. Saturday, September 17, at the Vienna Community Center. The cost is \$23 per person. Send a check to Joy Holland, Box 144, 12922 Yates Ford Rd., Clifton, VA 20124. Reservation deadline is September 7.

Donations for wounded service men and women hospitalized in Iraq continue to be needed by the American Red Cross. Most-requested items include magazines; CDs; men's and women's underwear, socks, T-shirts, sport shorts and flip-flops/shower shoes; towels, sheets and pillow cases; stationery and pens; and toiletry items. Town residents may drop off donations at Vienna American Legion Post 180, ATTN: Joyce, 330 Center St., N.

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 227, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, September 15, at Neighbor's Restaurant in the Cedar Lane Shopping Center. Vietnam veteran and author Jeff Stein will discuss his book, *Murder in War Time*, which is based on an actual case during the war. For more information, call Len Ignatowski at 703-255-0353 or visit www.geocities.com/vva227.

The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna will hold an open house and registration for the fall session of its "Adventures in Learning" program for people age 50 and older on Thursday, September 15, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Universalist-Unitarian Church, 2709 Hunter Mill Rd. in Oakton. *Please note the new location.* Classes will be held each Thursday, September 22-November 10, and include world affairs, Tai Chi, intermediate bridge, drawing, Virginia history, and more. The program fee is \$35 for up to four classes (small additional fee for computer class). For more information, call 703-281-0538.

Extinguish your hunger while supporting your Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. On Monday, September 12, Peking Express, 103 Center St., N., will contribute 20% of lunch and dinner receipts to VVFD's building renovation project. Order in person or by calling the restaurant at 703-281-2445.

Northern Virginia Handcrafters Guild Arts & Crafts Showcase will be held on Saturday, September 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Robinson High School, 5035 Sideburn Rd., Fairfax (two blocks south of George Mason University). Admission is \$3 for adults and free for children age 12 and under. Proceeds will benefit the school's All Night Alcohol and Drug-free Graduation Party. Over 80 juried artisans will offer pottery, painting, quilts, jewelry, dolls and many other hand-crafted creations.

36th annual used book sale, sponsored by the McLean Branch of the American Association of University Women, will be held September 16-18 at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave. Hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and 12:30-4 p.m. Sunday. Proceeds fund scholarships for women. On Saturday local authors Carole Herrick, Julie Shields, and Willard and Anne Webb will sign their books. For more information, call 703-726-6470.

Calling all crafters! The Vienna Woman's Club's 45th annual Harvest Bazaar and Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, November 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. For information and an application, call 703-352-3057, 703-620-2593 or 703-939-7716.

Historic Vienna Inc. will hold its fall membership meeting at 7:30 p.m. Friday, October 14, at the Vienna Community Center. Guest speaker will be Beverly "Bly" Hardy Straube, a Vienna native and currently Senior Curator for the Jamestown Recovery Project of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities at Jamestown Island. Her PowerPoint presentation, "Digging up Dirt on James

town: Ten Years of Archaeological Rediscovery," will explain the significance of Jamestown and its beginning as America's birthplace. For more information, call Paul Snodgrass at 703-560-6631 or e-mail paulsnodgrass@cox.net.

Go Warhawks! James Madison High School will host its annual "Kick Off Fall Festival" on Thursday, September 1, from 5 to 9 p.m. in the school's back parking lot. The festival will include football and field hockey scrimmages, introduction of band members and the cross country, volleyball, golf, cheerleading and dance teams plus entertainment, food and show-cases of activities available at Madison. The football season will begin against Oakton High School at 7:30 p.m. September 9. For a complete schedule, go to www.warhawkssports.org.

Wesley United Methodist Preschool, 711 Spring St., S.E., has a few spaces remaining in its afternoon class beginning this month. Children born by October 1, 2001, are eligible to enroll. For complete information, call the preschool office at 703-938-3970.

"The Honky Tonk Gap," a discussion of country music and the 2004 election, will be presented at 7 p.m. Thursday, September 29, at Patrick Henry Library. Native Texan and career State Department officer David Firestein will explain his theory of how the differing degree of country music penetration between the red and blue states helped frame the issues of the day, favorable to the more conservative candidates. Free of charge; to register, call the library at 703-938-0405.

Vienna Chapter of Ducks Unlimited, the national wetlands and waterfowl conservation organization, welcomes new members to help plan its October 19 banquet and auction at Westwood Country Club. Committee meetings are scheduled for September 17 and 21. For more information, call Wayne Mills, 703-283-1421, or George Hodges-Fulton, 571-436-3744.

Good eats at American Legion Post 180, 330 Center St., N. An all-you-can-eat crab feast will be held on Saturday, October 1, from 1 to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. A breakfast buffet, sponsored by the Post's Auxiliary

Unit is held on the third Sunday of each month from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Post home. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under age 12. For more information, call 703-938-9535.

Okuva Edda: A Cultural Extravaganza, an interactive musical program for ages 6-12, will be presented at 2 p.m. Saturday, September 24, at Patrick Henry Library. Daniel Ssuuna will share his experiences growing up in Uganda through song, dance and stories. Free of charge; to register, call the library at 703-938-0405.

FAAN Walk for Food Allergies – Moving Toward a Cure, sponsored by the Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network, will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, September 10, at Fairfax Corner near the County Government Center. Information and registration packets are available at www.foodallergy.org or call 1-800-929-4040.

Fall family crafting event will be held on Saturday, September 17, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Michaels Arts & Crafts, 311 Maple Ave., E. Throughout the day, kids of all ages can create whimsical marshmallow foam characters with a Halloween theme. All supplies are free of charge and all participants will receive a free project brochure of holiday craft ideas that can be completed at home. For more information, call 703-255-4970 or visit www.michaels.com.

Vienna Arts Society Gallery in the Village Green Shopping Center is open Tuesday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The current show through October 1 is "Four Seasons," featuring VAS member Madeleine Chen. For more information, visit www.viennaartsociety.org or call 703-319-3220. The Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., N.W., is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit the Web site or call 703-319-3971.

Parade of Homes, sponsored by the Northern Virginia Building Industry Association, will be held Saturday and Sunday, October 8 and 9, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Meet some of Northern Virginia's custom home builders and see the latest trends in building, design and decorating. Tickets are \$10 per family group and may be pur-

chased at the Brehony home, 511 Park St., S.E., or any of the other homes on the tour. For a complete list, go to www.virginiaiparade.com. Proceeds will benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Vienna Jaycees 5K Turkey Trot is scheduled for 8 a.m. Sunday, November 13, beginning at the Vienna Community Center. The registration fee is \$20 for age 15 and older (\$5 discount for age 14 and under), and proceeds benefit the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. For a printable entry form and more information, visit www.viennajaycees.org. To register online, go to www.active.com.

Vienna Farmers' Market behind Town Hall is open each Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon, featuring locally grown fruits and vegetables, cut flowers and potted plants, fresh baked breads and pastries, kettle corn, fresh eggs, jams and jellies, and much more. For information, call Karyn at 703-861-7784.

Farmers' Market at Nottoway Park is open every Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with fruits and vegetables, baked goods, plants, cheese, eggs, natural Angus beef, and other offerings. A Plant Clinic is open from 9 a.m. to noon.

League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area will hold meetings throughout Fairfax and Prince William Counties during the second week of September on the topic of congressional and state legislative redistricting. The Vienna meeting will be held at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, September 13; call 703-281-9143 for location. "Does Your Vote Really Count" is the first of several planned discussions over a two-year period on the effects of redistricting. For more information call 703-658-9150 or visit www.lwv-fairfax.org.

Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce golf tournament will be held at Westwood Country Club on Monday, September 12, beginning at noon. The fee of \$195 per player includes green and cart fees, driving range, box lunch, beverages, awards banquet and prizes. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Shepherd's Center of Vienna/Oakton. To register and for more information, call the Chamber office at 703-281-1333 or visit www.vtrcc.com.

Citizen Comment

Architectural Compatibility Is Key

From a southeast Vienna resident: “Much has been written and bantered about lately concerning the potential ‘McMansionization’ of our little town. While I am 100% in favor of our existing 25% lot coverage restriction and 35' height restriction, I respectfully submit that our concern should be based on other issues in addition to size alone. Size matters, but there are two words that may, in fact, matter even more. Architectural compatibility is key if we are to develop an exterior streetscape in our neighborhoods that is evocative of that ‘hometown’ feel, and has the quaintness and charm that is associated with old-time Vienna.

“We are a diverse population, and our housing facades reflect our differences, but they can and should be complimentary to one another and to the town as a whole. While it is true that the Code of Virginia favors private property rights, and we as citizens under law cannot stop our neighbor from building any style home he so chooses as long as the setbacks and coverage requirements are met, this should not be interpreted to mean that we are powerless against poor architectural design and construction practices.

“There are things that we can do as a town that can influence residential construction style and exterior facades. We can develop a brochure and Web site locale listing ‘Guidelines to Residential Architecture.’ We can produce bronze address plaques presented by the Town for those residences that are designed and finished according to the guidelines. We can reward those citizens who build according to the guidelines by offering them an incentive, such as a tax break on Town taxes.

“Vienna needs to put a stop to the practice of allowing residential construction projects to drag on forever and ever. A solution might be for the Town to require a bond to be posted for each new construction application, to be returned when the project is completed and has a Certificate of Occupancy within a specified period of time. If not completed, then the Town could use the money to finish the home, and protect the property values of the surrounding neighbors.

“Certainly, the Town can regulate color choices that are garish and bizarre without running afoul of the Virginia Code.

“Yes, Vienna does need to maintain and enforce our coverage and height restrictions, but we need also to develop a consistent vision for the nature of our residential neighborhoods, and guard those as carefully as we do our commercial sectors. Our town shines because of the efforts we have made to guard and protect our public areas, and the time has come to give equal consideration to our private homes and neighborhoods.”

Neighbors’ Role in Home Security

A southeast Vienna resident who wrote in June to suggest the use of car alarms to enhance home security has this follow-up on the role of neighbors: “Neighbors are vital and consenting members of the home security team. They will be alerted by the car alarm immediately after 911 is dialed. In case of fire, neighbors will appreciate the early alert before firefighters arrive. In case of crime, neighbors, alerted early, may provide police with a description of a car and/or suspects, as well as the direction of escape. In case of crime, fire or medical emergency, alerted neighbors can provide a house key to emergency personnel.

“The car alarm is likely to cause the suspect to leave the crime scene earlier so that there is less chance that police will take the suspect into custody at the scene. When the suspect leaves earlier due to the alarm, the risk of injury or death may be reduced for residents.”

Citizens are invited to submit comments for use in the Town of Vienna Newsletter. Comments must be made in writing or via e-mail (pio@ci.vienna.va.us) and received by the 15th of the month to be included in the following month’s newsletter. Your name, address and daytime phone number are required. This information will not be published.

September 11th A Day to Remember

On Sunday, September 11, Vienna’s American Legion Post 180 will hold its fourth annual community commemoration of the 2001 terrorist attacks on America, to remember those who lost their lives and to show support for those engaged in the ongoing fight against terrorism.

The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. on the grounds of the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E. For more information, contact Post 180 at 703-938-9535.

Comprehensive Plan Public Hearings

The Planning Commission has completed its update of the Town’s Comprehensive Plan and will hold public hearings in September and, if necessary, October to receive input from citizens before forwarding the document to the Town Council for its review. The hearing dates had not been set by the newsletter deadline, but will be posted at www.ci.vienna.va.us and announced in local newspapers. Copies of the updated plan will be available at Town Hall for public review after September 1. For more information, call the Department of Planning and Zoning at 703-255-6341.

The Code of Virginia requires all governing bodies in the Commonwealth to have an adopted Comprehensive Plan and to update the plan every five years. Elements of Vienna’s plan include land use, transportation and community facilities.

Good Dogs Are Good Neighbors

REMINDER: The Town of Vienna has a “pooper scooper” ordinance that requires dog owners to clean up after their pets when out for a walk. Please be a responsible pet owner and don’t leave dog waste on the lawns of neighbors or next to curbs, fire hydrants or elsewhere. Use a “doggie bag” and take the waste away with you.

This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

SEPTEMBER 1995 – The Church of the Holy Comforter on Beulah Road celebrates its centennial this year. Prior to building the church, the congregation met at the historic Masonic (Bouton's) Hall that now houses its very successful Pennywise Thrift Shop. Among the congregation about 1895 was Rev. Johannes Adam Simon Oertel, an Episcopal priest who gained fame as an artist and wood carver. His work is in churches and cathedrals as far as England and includes his most famous painting, "Rock of Ages."

SEPTEMBER 1985 – A townwide traffic study is scheduled to begin this month. This professional study was commissioned by the Town Council to make sure that Vienna has adequate planning for the impact of traffic generated by the Vienna Metro station and other development. One principal criterion for the study is protecting the integrity of the town's residential neighborhoods, as well as moving traffic.

SEPTEMBER 1975 – The Town Council has clamped down on the controversial Scoreboard Restaurant located in the Vienna Shopping Center on Maple Avenue. Council said the restaurant, the scene of frequent disturbances, was a nuisance and requested the Board of Zoning Appeals to revoke the restaurant's live music permit. Also, Council requested that its ABC license be revoked.

CALL THESE NUMBERS 24 HOURS A DAY:
VIENNA NEWSLINE – 703-255-6333
TO ORDER A SPECIAL PICKUP – 703-255-5727

Visit the Town's Web site at www.ci.vienna.va.us

Recycle Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Batteries

The next quarterly recycling day for used motor oil, antifreeze and car batteries is Saturday, September 10, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Northside Property Yard, 600 Mill St., N.E. This service of the Public Works Department provides citizens a convenient and environmentally responsible way to dispose of vehicle waste products. For more information, call 703-255-6381.

Too often, used oil is improperly poured down storm drains or into sewers. Just one quart of oil can pollute 250,000 gallons of water, releasing toxic metals such as lead, cadmium and arsenic into the environment. Recycled oil is a valuable resource that can be re-manufactured into new fuels.

Antifreeze, like oil, can contaminate water and should never be disposed of in drains or sewers. In addition, antifreeze stored around the house presents a great danger to children and pets; it tastes sweet but is deadly poison.

Improper disposal of automobile batteries is a leading cause of lead contamination in landfills and energy recovery facilities. In Virginia it is illegal to dispose of automobile batteries with refuse.



September

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
All meetings are held at Vienna Town Hall at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise				1	2	3
4 Trash pickup first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week	5 Labor Day Town Hall closed Trash collection as usual	6 Windover Heights Board of Review 7:30 p.m.	7	8 Town/Business Liaison Committee 7 p.m.	9	10 Drop off used motor oil, antifreeze & batteries at Northside Property Yard, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
11	12 Town Council	13 Mayor's Advisory Committee	14 Planning Commission	15 Board of Architectural Review	16	17
18	19 Town Council work session	20	21 Board of Zoning Appeals	22 Community Enhancement Commission 7:30 p.m.	23	24
25	26 Town Council	27 Transportation Safety Commission	28 Planning Commission	29	30	

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